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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022 (expected)

Dissertation: "Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)" *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid." (Revise and Resubmit).

"Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation."

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations." With Lucie Lu

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests."

"How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding." With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell.

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "[The World Bank.](#)" Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "[Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs.](#)" In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Technical Guides

[“Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs.”](#) With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#). Select posts include:

[“White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical”](#) (January 21, 2021)

[“Do Women Preach Differently than Men?”](#) (June 26, 2019)

[“Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals’ Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump”](#) (February 20, 2017)

[“Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump”](#) (February 13, 2017)

SOFTWARE

Tools

R, RStudio, Latex, Stata, Python

R Packages under Development

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing computational power analysis.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evluation Sciences’ [recommended style guide](#).

TEACHING

<i>Intro to International Relations</i> , Independent Instructor (online)	2021
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<i>Intro to Political Science</i> , Teaching Assistant	2017
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UIUC Math Camp

Probability in R	2018-2020
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Integrals	2020
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Linear Regression	2021
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GitHub and Version Control	2021
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PROFESSIONAL

U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow

Methods Specialist	2020-present
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant

Cara Wong

2020-present

Matthew S. Winters

2018-2020

Eastern Illinois University

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley

2016

Presidential Graduate Assistant

2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus

2021

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence

2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

2018

Williams Travel Grant

2016

SERVICE

International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator

2020-2021

Graduate Methods Committee

Member

2019-2021

Chair

2020

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member

2019-2020